

Marijuana Ordinance

In anticipation that Marijuana may become legal in California in the near future, the City Council recently passed an ordinance that will prohibit cultivation and dispensaries in the Town, consistent with the limitations permitted under state law. If you have any questions concerning the law or to receive a copy of the ordinance, please contact michael.laughlin@colma.ca.gov.

Halloween and Holiday House Decorating Contest Awards

A big thank you to TARGET and MICHAELS in Colma for sponsoring this year's Halloween and Holiday decorating contest. Recipients received a gift card to TARGET or MICHAELS and a certificate of appreciation for their commitment to Community Spirit.



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The Town of Colma supports the Colma-Daly City Chamber of Commerce which has resources available at www.dalycity-colmachamber.org.

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Disaster Preparedness

The Town of Colma encourages each business in the Town to make preparations to be as self sufficient as possible in the event of an emergency. For larger businesses, this includes an emergency plan and provisions to assist and care for employees and customers. Employee training is also essential in assuring decisive and appropriate action in the event of an emergency. Excellent emergency response resources for businesses can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: cdc.gov/niosh/topics/emres/business.html

Resources on this website include:

- Emergency Management for Business and Industry
- OSHA Evacuation Plan and Procedures E-Tool
- Employee Fire and Life Safety Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs
- Shelter in Place Information Center

In addition, your business is strongly encouraged to work through the American Red Cross' free "Ready Rating" process. Go to: readyrating.org



If you have any questions about business disaster preparedness, please contact Dawn Marchetti in the Colma Police Department at: 650.997.8340

El Nino Flood Preparedness & Response Guide

The Town of Colma has prepared a Flood Preparedness & Response Guide in anticipation of El Nino this year. Please go to the Town's website at www.colma.ca.gov to get all the information you may need to prepare yourself for this year's storm season. Booklets will also be mailed out to businesses by mid to late January. If you do not receive your guide, or if you would like an additional copy please contact Town Hall at 650-997-8300 and the Town will mail a booklet to you.

PACE Financing for Businesses

In support of the Town's goal to increase energy and water efficiency, the City Council recently passed resolutions which allow businesses to take advantage of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing. PACE is a new and innovative way for commercial property owners to pay for energy efficiency upgrades, on-site renewable energy projects, and water conservation measures. PACE funding is provided or arranged for up to 100 percent of a project's costs, and is repaid with an assessment on the property tax bill over a term of up to 20 years. PACE is a national initiative, but programs are locally based and tailored to meet local market needs. Some quick facts:

- PACE financing is available for all types of commercial and industrial properties, large and small.
- Financing approvals are simple, but PACE projects must be permanently affixed to the property and save money for the property owner.
- Benchmarking, energy audits, and evaluations can be used to ensure that projects make sense.
- PACE is 100 percent voluntary. In communities that adopt PACE, assessments are only paid by participating owners, and only for their own projects.

The approved lenders for Colma include California First, Figtree and Hero. You may contact them directly if you have any questions about their programs.

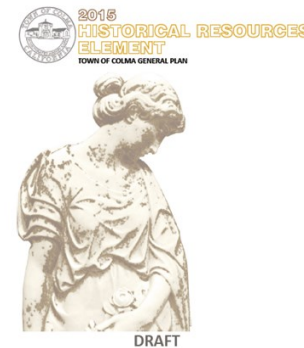


Town of Colma Waste Hauler's Request for Proposals (RFP)

The Town of Colma currently has franchise agreements with Allied Waste, Recology and South San Francisco Scavengers. Since these franchise agreements are ending, the Town requested proposals from interested vendors, and the Town will select just one company to begin providing service in Fall of 2016. This means that your business could soon have a different waste hauler. In addition, stricter state waste diversion requirements will require cooperation from the entire community to recycle and compost green waste and food scraps. The Town will require the new hauler to provide education and support to the business community as part of their contract. To get more information, or if you have questions on how this change will affect you, please email: recycle@colma.ca.gov.



Historic Resources Element



The Town of Colma is in the process of updating the Historic Resources Element. The update reformat the existing document and includes an enjoyable comprehensive historic narrative of the Town's History. Programs and policies have been revised and simplified to encourage the preservation of resources through outreach and education. Cemetery managers and property owners of historic structures are encouraged to review the document and provide comments to the Planning Department. The draft document is available for review on the Colma website: colma.ca.gov

Get those Shopping Carts!



The Town of Colma encourages businesses in the Serra Center and 280 Metro Center to retrieve carts regularly in the vicinity of their shopping centers. In addition to the parking lots, Employees should look for carts on the west side of Junipero Serra Boulevard at the bus stops. The Town will call to request removal or impound other carts.

New Businesses on Mission Road

Colma is pleased to welcome two new businesses on Mission Road. GC Moving Company relocated from South San Francisco and is housed in the building at 1755 Mission Road. A home staging company called Flip Home Staging has moved into the tenant space at 1531-1533 Mission Road.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Preparation

The Town of Colma is participating with San Mateo County in the preparation of a countywide Local Hazard Mitigation Plan that will identify hazard threats unique to Colma. The plan will identify the steps, resources and projects to be undertaken to minimize the damage to life and property in the event of an emergency. For information concerning this plan, please contact Michael Laughlin (650)757-8896.

Auto Row News

Carmax has filed an application with the Town to build a car sales facility on over 8 acres of property on Serramonte Boulevard between El Camino Real and Hillside Boulevard (between Acura and Lucky Chances). The application will be reviewed by the Colma City Council in spring of 2016. For further information on the project or to make an appointment to review the plans, please contact Michael Laughlin at (650)757-8896 or by email at: michael.laughlin@colma.ca.gov.

